GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce mandatory criteria for those seeking admission in the Government Medical Colleges to serve at least for one year during their internship in the rural and remote areas where there are no medical professionals, if so, the details thereof and the time by which the Government introduces such criteria in the Government Medical colleges; and

(b) if not, the manner in which the Government proposes to reach medical professionals to the rural and the remote areas?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)
(a) & (b): No. However, to encourage doctors working in remote and difficult areas, MCI with the previous approval of Central Government, has amended the Post Graduate Medical Education Regulations, 2000 to provide :-
I. 50% reservation in Post Graduate Diploma Courses for Medical Officers in the Government service who have served for at least three years in remote and difficult areas; and

II. Incentive at the rate of 10% marks for each year in service in remote or difficult areas upto the maximum of 30% of the marks obtained in the entrance test for admissions in Post Graduate Medical Courses.
Further, under, NHM, financial incentive is also provided to MBBS as well as PG doctors for serving in rural areas. These incentives are over and above the salaries of the doctors concerned.